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SUBJECT:LECTURER EXCHANGE INVITATION TO CZECH LECTURER
FROM UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

1. CIES HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA FOR A LECTURER FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER OF THE 1976-77 ACADEMIC YEAR. THE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IN RESIDENCE A SENIOR SCHOLAR IN CZECH LANGUAGE, LITERATURE OR LINGUISTICS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 2 THROUGH MAY 31. VIRGINIA PREFERS EITHER PROFESSOR MATHAUSER OR WOLLMAN OF THE CZECH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. DETAILS OF THE LECTURER'S PROGRAM WILL BE DEVELOPED WHEN A CANDIDATE ACCEPTABLE TO VIRGINIA IS NOMINATED. VIRGINIA IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE A GRANT OF DOLS 5,000 TO SUPPLEMENT CU/EE'S BASIC MAINTENANCE GRANT OF DOLS 23 PER DAY AND DOMESTIC TRAVEL. CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE ROUND TRIP BETWEEN PRAGUE AND WASHINGTON, AS DEPARTMENT IS NOW PROVIDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR US LECTURERS.

2. THE DEPARTMENT RECALLS THAT KUBRYCHT OF THE CZECH
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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, DURING VISIT TO CIES LAST YEAR, SAID

HIS MINISTRY WOULD BE PREPARED TO NOMINATE CZECH LECTURERS
IN ABOVE LISTED FIELDS IN US UNIVERSITIES. WE TRUST THAT

VIRGINIA PREFERENCE FOR SCHOLAR FROM CZECH ACADEMY WILL
NOT CAUSE DIFFICULTIES. IN SUCH CASES VIRGINIA WOULD ALSO
BE WILLING TO CONSIDER A WELL-QUALIFIED SENIOR SCHOLAR
FROM A MAJOR UNIVERSITY, ALTHOUGH THE TWO ACADEMY SCHOLARS
MENTIONED ABOVE ARE PREFERRED. IN ANY CASE, FULL BIOGRAPH-
IC DATA AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CZECH NOMINEE
WOULD BE REQUIRED.

3. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS EMBASSY PRESENT THIS PROPOSAL TO
APPROPRIATE CZECH AUTHORITIES, EVEN THOUGH EXCHANGE AGREE-
MENT NOT YET CONCLUDED. LECTURER EXCHANGES USUALLY REQUIRE
LONG LEAD TIME, AND CU WILLINGNESS TO FUND VIRGINIA REQUEST
SHOULD BE SEEN AS EVIDENCE OF OUR DESIRE TO MOVE
AHEAD WITH EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES AND TO RECIPROCATATE IN
PART FOR THE AMERICAN LECTURERS WHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AT
CHARLES AND COMENIUS UNIVERSITIES IN RECENT YEARS. IF
CZECHS CHOOSE NOT TO NOMINATE UNTIL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT IS
SIGNED, EARLIEST DATE WE COULD PLACE CZECH LECTURER WOULD
BE ACADEMIC YEAR FOLLOWING DATE OF AGREEMENT SIGNATURE.

4. IN PRESENTING THIS PROPOSAL EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT
THAT IN PLACING FOREIGN LECTURERS THE DEPARTMENT DEPENDS
ON THE COOPERATION OF US UNIVERSITIES. FUNDING IS USUALLY
MIXED. WITH SOME UNIVERSITIES PAYING ALL COSTS AND OTHERS
SHARING COSTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NO ES-
TABLISHED STIPEND RATE AND EACH IS DETERMINED BY THE
INDIVIDUAL UNIVERSITY. IN ALL CASES, THE FINAL DECISION
ON WHETHER TO ACCEPT THE LECTURER IS MADE BY THE RECEIVING
UNIVERSITY. UNIVERSITIES ASSIST IN FINDING LOCAL HOUSING,
AND IN SOME CASES UNIVERSITY HOUSING CAN BE ARRANGED.
HOUSING COSTS, HOWEVER, ARE USUALLY PAID BY THE VISITING

LECTURER FROM HIS STIPEND. IN THIS CASE, VIRGINIA WILL
EXPECT CZECH TO PAY FOR HOUSING OUT OF STIPEND. IT WILL
PROBABLY BE FACULTY HOUSING AS ROMANIAN AND SOVIET
SCHOLARS WERE SO HOUSED. HABIB

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